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SRBC TO MEET, HOST PANEL DISCUSSION ON NEW YORK'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY, ACT ON WATER WITHDRAWAL AND USE APPLICATIONS

WHAT: The Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) will hold its regular quarterly business meeting, which is open to the public. In addition to reviewing current hydrologic conditions and taking action on water withdrawal and consumptive use applications, the meeting will include a special panel session entitled *New York's Involvement in the Chesapeake Bay*. The panel participants will discuss: (1) what resources are being directed to New York State now that the state has established its involvement in the Chesapeake Bay Program; (2) how the state's non-point source portion of the Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy was developed and its likelihood of success; (3) the Farm Bill and its targeted funds for the Bay region and for the Susquehanna basin specifically; (4) the new Binghamton-Johnson City treatment plant and the features intended to reduce nutrient discharges into the Susquehanna River; (5) any concerns about the point-source portion of the tributary strategy having a chilling effect on the Southern Tier's economic development; and (6) the importance of maintaining Susquehanna flows to the Bay.

WHEN: Wednesday, September 12, 2007, 8:30 a.m.

WHO: Panel Session Participants:

Jeffrey Lape, Director, Chesapeake Bay Program, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

James Curatolo, Watershed Coordinator, Upper Susquehanna Coalition

Lindsay Wickham, Field Advisor, New York Farm Bureau, Region 5

Cathy Aingworth, Superintendent, Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Water Treatment Plant

James Tierney, Assistant Commissioner for Water, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (invited)

Kenneth Lynch, New York Alternate Commissioner, SRBC (panel moderator)

SRBC commissioners and alternates voting at the meeting:

Kenneth Lynch, Director, Region 7, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

Cathy Curran Myers, Deputy Secretary, Office of Water Management
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

Col. Peter Mueller, District Commander, Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Herbert Sachs, Maryland Department of the Environment

WHERE: **Grand Royale Hotel**, 80 State Street, Binghamton

SRBC: The Susquehanna River Basin Commission is the governing agency established under a 100-year compact signed on December 24, 1970 by the federal government and the states of New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland to protect and wisely manage the water resources of the Susquehanna River Basin. The Susquehanna River starts in Cooperstown, N.Y., and flows 444 miles to Havre de Grace, Md., where the river meets the Chesapeake Bay.

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